

Colusa County Children & Families Commission Advisory Council

Minutes of Public Meeting May 15, 2001

A meeting of the Advisory Council for the Colusa County Children and Families Commission was held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Yuba College Career Resource Center, 570 6th Street, Williams, California. 13 members present.

Items discussed and actions taken in accordance with the publicly posted agenda were as follows:

1. Introductions

Colusa County Children and Families Executive Director Charlette Lauppe began the meeting with group introductions.

2. Updates

Ms. Lauppe announced that the "New Parents' Kit" would be featured in a media event scheduled by the State Commission a meeting in Los Angeles in July. The addition of a sixth video is probably and will cover the subject of discipline. This has been a recurring request from pilot program participants. The Kits will be shipped to counties through a clearinghouse located in Sacramento. Kits will be personalized at the clearing center with individual county materials before shipment to the county for distribution.

Ms. Lauppe distributed Colusa County Children and Families Commission Funded Projects 2000-01 booklet listing the eight projects funded. The booklet contained a description of each project and listed grant-funding amounts.

Attendees were invited to share information via the "Resource Table". Ms. Lauppe explained that the Resource Table is made available at each Council meeting to allow information sharing between agencies, communities and groups wishing to publicize events and activities. The Commission would like to encourage all participants to utilize this Resource at each meeting.

3. Abi Asri, March of Dimes Presentation

Ms. Lauppe introduced Abi Asbra, Program Services Manager from the Greater Capital Division out of Sacramento March of Dimes to present a program on perinatal issues/data for California and Colusa County; folic acid message and education; and a pre-conception planning. She also presented a March of Dimes programs and resources overview including information on how to apply for \$25,000 grant funding to initiate new programs in our county related to teen pregnancy and pregnancy planning. Ms. Asbra reported that only seven counties throughout the state had taken advantage of this funding opportunity, and that any county public agency or non-profit agency could apply. There were thirteen in attendance and translation was available but not necessary for the meeting. Ms. Asbra included March of Dimes folders with a full array of brochures and information available through her office.

4. Announcements and Closing

The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at the same location. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.